

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
SUZUKI et al. )  
Application Number: To be Assigned )  
Filed: Concurrently Herewith )  
For: DISK ARRAY DEVICE AND REMOTE )  
COPYING CONTROL METHOD FOR DISK )  
ARRAY DEVICE )  
Atty Docket No. WILL.0002 )

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**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119  
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

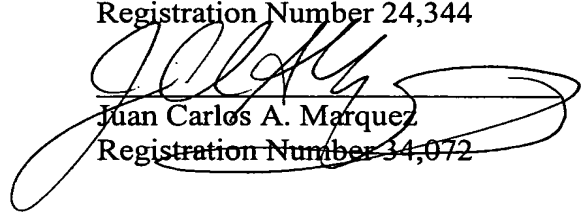
Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of December 25, 2003, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese Patent Application 2003-428917.

A certified copy of Japanese Patent Application 2003-428917 will be submitted upon receipt from Applicant. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy is respectfully requested in due course.

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